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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DINGELL).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 20, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE DINGELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God, our creator, redeemer, and sustainer, we pray Your inspiration over the reconvening of this body. With much to be discussed, debated, and decided, allow Your Holy Spirit to brood over the tumultuous waters and bring order and purpose into this new day.

Redeem the efforts and intent of all who endeavor to steward the responsibilities You have given them. May each of us speak out of genuine commitment—not just to the nobleness of our position, but to the welfare of our common humanity. May we exercise courtesy and compassion in our dealings with one another, even those with whom we disagree.

Sustain us when the days grow long and patience grows short. When we are jealous of our time and sparing of respect, may You, in Your kindness to us, cause our love to increase and our mutual regard for each other to win out.

Strengthen our hearts that when called to account, we will be found blameless and holy in Your eyes. In all that we do this day, may we reflect

Your rich love, made all the richer by the privilege we have to demonstrate Your grace and mercy to those around us.

We pray in the name of the one in whom we live, move, and have our being.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

(Ms. PLASKETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month. Prostate cancer has led male cancer incidence in 96 countries. It is the most common cause of death among men in 51 countries. The United States leads the world in reducing prostate cancer deaths.

One in eight U.S. men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetimes. African-American men are over 75 percent more likely to develop prostate cancer compared to White men and more than twice as likely to die from the disease.

It is important for our men to understand that there are usually no early warning signs for prostate cancer. For many years the disease may be silent. That is why screening is such an important topic for all men and their families.

Age is the biggest risk factor for prostate cancer; rates of diagnosis steadily rise as men age into their fifties, sixties, and seventies.

I have family members and close male friends who have suffered from prostate cancer but underwent surgery and survived. Ask for early screening, and please be aware of this month as we go through prostate cancer awareness.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR GENERAL CHRISTOPHER DONAHUE

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Major General Christopher Donahue, the commander of the 82nd Airborne Division and the last American soldier to leave Afghanistan.

A native of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and as an officer in our Nation's special forces, General Donahue has devoted his life to the service of our Nation.

During the global war on terrorism, General Donahue has led soldiers in both Iraq and Afghanistan. He has always put his soldiers and their mission first. As the final soldier in Afghanistan, General Donahue showed his devotion to our Nation yet again.

This man is a leader, and our Nation is well-served with him commanding

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our airborne division. I am grateful for General Donahue and for all of the brave soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines who have served in Afghanistan. Their service has made our Nation more secure. No political decision can take away what their service has meant.

AMERICA IS GREAT BECAUSE IT IS GOOD

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, President Biden and his fellow Democrats have said that they want to fundamentally change this country.

If this country is so bad, why do we lead the world in technological advances?

If this country is so bad, why have millions of immigrants risked life and limb to get into this country?

If this country is so bad, why are we the international example of religious tolerance?

If this country is so bad, why is the dollar the standard currency throughout the world?

If this country is so bad, why do we lead the world in aiding the impoverished countries around the globe?

If this country is so bad, how could American scientists have developed a vaccine in record time that has saved millions of lives around the globe?

If this country is so bad, how could someone like Dr. Ben Carson overcome the most insurmountable of odds to become one of the great neurosurgeons in the world?

If this country is so bad, how is it possible that Americans of every background can uniquely succeed here if they are determined to do so?

If this country is so bad, why do so many think it is so good?

If this country is so good, why are so many Democrats so hellbent on tearing it apart?

HURRICANE IDA BUILDING BACK BETTER

(Mr. CARTER of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I was in New Orleans when Hurricane Katrina made landfall. In the aftermath, the community came together with Federal and State partners to invest in a regional levee system to protect the New Orleans area from major flooding.

Sixteen years later, Hurricane Ida hit southeast Louisiana with roaring winds of around 150 miles per hour. Power lines snapped like popsicle sticks.

Luckily, the investments we made in flood protection largely worked. The levees held.

Sadly, other areas outside of the risk reduction zone were still heavily flood-

ed. Sadly, we find ourselves in a situation that is all too familiar. Our power grid was destroyed, leaving around 1 million-plus people without power in the sweltering heat in southeast Louisiana.

Hurricanes are predicted to become more frequent and more intense due to climate change.

The question is: Will our infrastructure be ready?

The needed investments to save lives were made after Katrina. As the Ida recovery continues, we must future-proof our power grid and levees to build back better.

GOD HAS SHED HIS GRACE ON AMERICA

(Mrs. GREENE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I have introduced Articles of Impeachment on President Joe Biden. The reason why I have done so is for his disgraceful actions having to do with Afghanistan: abandoning Americans and arming a terrorist nation, the Taliban, which is treason: giving aid and comfort to our enemies.

I have also introduced Articles of Impeachment for the national security crisis created at our southern border which today is actually being invaded.

But heading into this week, perhaps the most evil and disgusting thing that is going to happen in this 117th Congress is the bill that is going to be introduced that makes it a Federal law to allow abortion up until the day of birth.

This wall says: In God We Trust. And if that is the case, then this Congress will reject this evil bill and protect the innocent unborn. If this Nation becomes a nation where we have such a Federal law that can kill a baby up until the day of birth, then God will no longer provide protection in His grace over America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

SUBSIDIZED CHILDCARE

(Ms. JACOBS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACOBS of California. Madam Speaker, in San Diego County, which I am proud to represent, since the pandemic started, more than 500 childcare providers have closed their doors, and the families of more than 190,000 kids don't have access to the care they need.

Across the country, nearly 1.6 million moms of children under 17 are still missing from the labor force—an economic crisis decades in the making.

The Build Back Better Act is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to lower

the cost of childcare, expand availability, and boost the wages of the essential childcare workers that make our country go.

It isn't just the right thing for our families, it is the right thing for our economy. According to a Nobel Prize-winning economist, we save \$7 for every \$1 we invest in quality early childhood programs. So while some of my colleagues may argue that we can't afford to do these things, the truth is we can't afford not to.

Madam Speaker, we have to meet this moment, and we have to build back better.

REMEMBERING DAVIS COUNTY COACH DENNIS ANDERSON

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of a beloved member of the Davis County community. Last Wednesday, Hall of Fame Davis County coach Dennis Anderson passed away after a battle struggling with stage IV terminal cancer.

Dennis Anderson began his career in Davis County athletics in 1968 when he started as a physical education teacher and varsity track coach. Under his 50 years of leadership, Mr. Anderson coached 22 State champions and was named Regional Coach of the Year in 1979, 1980, and 1992 before being hired as the school's athletic director.

After his retirement from Davis County Schools in 2000, Mr. Anderson spent 7 years as a zone chief at Iowa State track meets and was named Southeast Director of the Iowa Track Officials Association.

Thank you, Dennis, for your long-time service to the Davis County community and for making Iowa a better place through being a mentor and role model for Iowa men and women.

INDEPENDENT RESCUE OPERATIONS FROM AFGHANISTAN

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank veterans, non-governmental organizations, congressional offices, and ordinary citizens who have stepped up where the Biden administration has failed to save the lives of Americans and our Afghan allies who fought alongside U.S. troops and now are trapped behind enemy lines.

In many cases they have taken the lead in helping Americans and our allies flee the country through independent rescue operations.

Veterans like marines Andrew Darlington and Jeremy Horton who worked with my office tirelessly helped those Afghans whom they fought